

REMARKS

The current status of the instant application is that the initial application was filed on 03/23/2004 and that an Office Action responding to same was mailed to Applicant on 03/02/2005. Claims 1 – 5 are pending in the application, and were rejected by the above-mentioned Office Action. In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claim 4 would be allowable if re-written in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim. The base claim was claim 1. Claim 4 has been re-written as suggested by the Examiner and such re-written claim is presented in the instant invention as claim 6. Claim 6 remains for consideration by the Examiner. The following discussion and argument is in light of the hereinabove amended claims, including the newly presented claim 6.

The instant application is presented on behalf of the joint inventors, Marc Eric Vandament and Susan Alene Vandament, and use of the term “Applicant” herein is deemed to mean both of such inventors, jointly.

Objections to Specification

Applicant has made all changes suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also made amendments to the specification to correct all errors of like character to those noted by the Examiner. Finally, minor grammatical errors were corrected by Applicant's amendments to the specification which were not intended by Applicant to make substantive changes to the nature of the invention described.

Objections to Claims

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-5 and thus the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 have been addressed by Applicant and are not further discussed.

Applicant has re-written claim 4 as suggested by the Examiner and is, in claim 4's re-written form, presenting claim 6 for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant would respectfully urge that newly presented claim 6 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully urged that, in light of the above-requested amendments to the Specification and Claims, the apparatus is not anticipated by the prior art cited by the Examiner in his office action. It is believed that the foregoing response is full and complete, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of their application in light of the amendments and the foregoing response.

Respectfully submitted,

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